

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 20, 2016

The regular board meeting for the East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held at the East Central office on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Members present: Lane Azure, Natalie Becker, Brian Duchscherer, Juanita Short, Tom Tracy, Jill Louters and Darren Christianson.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Short.

Others Present: Denise Brandvold, director; Cindy Johnson, business manager; and Allsion Haley teachers' representative were also present at the meeting.

Minutes: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Duchscherer, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 25, 2015. Motion carried.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Christianson, to accept the monthly financial report. Motion carried.

Board Expenditures: A motion was made by Duchscherer, seconded by Christianson, to accept the bill listing as reviewed by the board. Motion carried.

Director's Reports to the Board:

Fund Balance: Mrs. Brandvold reported that the close of December, 2015, reflected 70.25% of revenues received and 37.63% of expenditures reached. Percentages were in line with the prior two years.

Preschool Screenings: Mrs. Brandvold reported that the preliminary work for scheduling East Central's Preschool screenings is being completed. The anticipated dates for the screenings are as follows:

Carrington - February 11th

NR-S - February 25th

F-B - February 25th

Flyers will be delivered to the school district for handout to all students. Advertising will be placed in local newspapers.

December Child Count: The board was informed that the annual Child Count was completed for all students who have a current, active IEP as of December 1st. The student count was found at 165 students. This reflects a decrease of 15 students unit wide from the previous year.

State Improvement Plan: Mrs. Brandvold reported on the results of the surveys for the State Improvement Plan. It was noted that 34% of surveys were returned. The committee compiled information and developed a summary of results. This summary will be sent out to member districts no later than January 25th.

Mileage Reimbursement: It was noted that East Central has complied with the decrease in the state mileage rate that went into effect the 1st of January. Mileage reimbursement now stands at 54¢ per mile.

Sign-on Bonus: The board discussed the open SLD position that remains unfilled in the Carrington district. It was noted that there has been one applicant who completed the interview process via Skype. The board discussed the possibility of a sign-on bonus for out of state candidates. A motion was made by Duchscherer, seconded by Christianson to offer a one time sign on bonus of between a 2,000 and 4,000, payable half the first year with the remaining half to be paid at the completion of the second year. The bonus shall adhere to all ND Century Code rulings. Motion carried.

ID Position in Carrington Elementary: The board acknowledged the resignation of long time staff member, Cathy Paulson, whose contract is held by Carrington school district. The unit will now take the contract possession from here forward. Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that the position was posted internally within the unit with a closing date of January 31st and that there has been one applicant to date.

Destruction of Records: A motion was made by Duchscherer, seconded by Christianson to approve the resolution which will allow for the destruction of records from the fiscal year of 2007-08. Motion carried.

Website Update: The redesigning of the East Central website has reached completion. The public access date will be dependent on EduTech of ND implementing the site. The website address will remain the same. It is the intent to post board agendas, board minutes and also to make easier access to job applications and requirements via the site.

Certified/Administrative/Ancillary Salaries: The board was informed that the teaching contracts for the 2016-17 school year will be issued on March 1st as agreed upon under the two year negotiated agreement. Administrative and ancillary wages will also follow the increase.

Director's Evaluation: Chairman Short informed the board that she had met with Mrs. Brandvold to review the input received for the formative eval. Of the five responses received back from board members, all were found to be supportive and appreciative of the help received from Mrs. Brandvold at their district level.

Designation of Depositories and Pledged Securities: The possible designated depositories for East Central are the Bremer Bank of Carrington; Gate City of Carrington; Eddy County Credit Union of New Rockford; and Bank Forward of New Rockford. A motion was made by Christianson, seconded by Louters, that the Eddy County Credit Union and Bank Forward remain as the designated depositories and to also accept the pledged securities as offered. Motion carried.

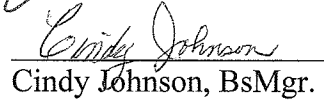
Tentative Assessments: The board received an estimate sheet on the approximate special ed assessment costs for the 2016-17 fiscal year for each district.

Health Insurance: Upon board discussion it was agreed upon to explore other available options for health insurance coverage before the opening of the next negotiating session for the 2017-18 contract year.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular scheduled meeting was set for February 24th.

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Juanita Short, Chairman



Cindy Johnson, BsMgr.

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Date approved